

9 a penetrating element reciprocatably mounted in the lumen of the guide tube s
10 that the penetrating element can be advanced from the distal end of the guide tube to penetrat
11 a luminal wall in a direction determined by deflection of the distal end of the guide tube.

1 43. A device as in claim 42, wherein the guide tube has a pre-formed tip
2 which deflects laterally as the guide tube is advanced from the catheter.

1 44. A device as in claim 42, wherein the penetrating element is a stylet.

1 45. A device as in any of claims 42 to 44, further comprising an expandabl
2 anchor disposed over at least a portion of the catheter. --

REMARKS

Claims 33-39 were examined, with claims 1-32, and 40-41, having been withdrawn pursuant to a Restriction Requirement. The claims have been amended and canceled and new claims added as noted above. Reexamination and reconsideration of the claims, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Applicants confirm the telephone election of the claims of Group III (claims 33-39) without traverse. All non-elected claims have now been canceled without prejudice to refiling in a subsequent application.

Applicants note the objection to the drawings. The objection is overcome by canceling claim 39.

Claims 33-39 were objected to as being indefinite. In particular, the Examiner noted that there was no difference between the catheter and the support tube. While Applicant believe that there is a difference, for example as described in the specification at page 5, line 34, and page 8, lines 5-9, Applicants concede that the support tube is not illustrated in the drawings and have therefore canceled recitation of support tube in the claims. Thus, the rejection for indefiniteness has been overcome.

Claims 33-39 were rejected as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,387,193, to Miraki. Such rejection is respectfully traversed in part and overcome in part.